



# Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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## Biannual Homeland Security Grant Reporting Readiness

By Debbie Rathert, SEMA Homeland Security Grant Staff

SEMA grant staff are preparing for the Biannual Reporting periods. **As such, our electronic system will be closed effective December 12, 2005.** If you are in dire need of expenses being processed after December 12, 2005 but before the end of the year, work closely with your grant manager. She/he will do their best to assist you. However, there may be limitations to their ability to process the paperwork. In addition, all grant staff will effectively be pulled to this project most of the time from December 12, 2005 through January 13, 2006. Again, we will do our best to assist you, but this is a labor-intensive process that the State is currently taking on for local sub-grantees.

## CEDAP Grant Deadline is January 13, 2006

By Tom Mohr, SEMA HS Program Manager

Smaller law enforcement and emergency responder agency working to support a regional response can apply for the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) **through January 13, 2006.**

To apply, go to the SEMA Website to access detailed grant information and access the RKB. Read the CEDAP Briefing Book before you sign into the RKB. Sign into the RKB as a guest, go to "Search the RKB", highlight "Major Programs" and select "Homeland Security Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP]" this will take you to the CEDAP application.

## Crisis Communications Conference Set for Feb 9-10

SEMA will host the Crisis Communications Conference Feb. 10-11, 2006 at Osage Beach. This year's conference will focus on Auxiliary Communications Service, Update on State Interoperability, 9-1-1 TERT/9-1-1 Addressing, 2 AM Tornado – Evansville Event, MEPN – Six Meter Packet, Regionalization and Communication Interoperability. There is no conference fee! SEMA is also offering a four hour credited course for telecommunicators/dispatchers on "IS-700 NIMS for Telecommunicators," from 8 AM – 12:00 noon and from 1:00 – 5:00 PM on Friday, February 11. There is no cost for this credited course. Here is the link for more information: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/CrisisCommConf2006.htm>

## Nichols, Fennewald Discuss HS Regionalization at Meetings

SEMA's Deputy Director Duane R. Nichols and the Department of Public Safety's Homeland Security Coordinator Paul Fennewald will visit Area Coordinator Quarterly Meetings to discuss the Homeland Security Regionalization response concept. They want input from emergency management directors, law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and local officials on grant ideas, and programs. Scheduled meetings include December 28 in Jefferson City (Area F), and December 29 in Rolla. They have met with Areas B, D, G, and H.

Regionalization will maximize future homeland security grants. Local regions will have an incentive to cooperate and focus on their immediate needs, based upon the requirements to address the 36 capabilities established in the homeland security risk survey. The local threats are decided by the members of the region themselves, based upon the federal threat/risk assessment guidelines.

## **SEMA Training Schedule Posted to Homepage**

The training schedule is on SEMA's homepage. The link is: <http://training.dps.mo.gov/>. Once you go to this website you can click on the link to view the classes and enroll on line. Remember to check the class schedule often, as classes are frequently added. All SEMA classes are free.

## **Four Corners Conference Shares Response Lessons**

Approximately 65 people will participate in the 4 Corners (the border counties in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma) Conference, December 8-9 in Branson. Presentations include Weather Updates, Missouri's Homeland Security Updates, Arkansas Hurricane Relief Operations and Poultry/Avian Influenza Planning Updates, and Oklahoma NIMS Compliance. Panel discussion topics included: Emergency Public Information on Health/Bioterrorism, Emergency Management Resource Database, and Special Needs/Mental Health Planning Issues in Disaster Management.

## **MoDOT's Express Lane Newsletter**

This week's issue contains information on MoDOT's EMAC volunteers returning to Florida to continue installing signals, Drivers can now get Email on construction updates, and Drivers can link directly to winter road conditions maps. Here is the link to MoDOT's electronic newsletter: <http://www.modot.mo.gov/ExpressLane/index.htm>

## **Fire Departments Receive Firefighter Grants**

### **Compiled from OPD Firefighter Grant Page**

These Missouri Fire Departments received Firefighter Assistance grants in Rounds 13-14:

**Operations and Safety Grants** were awarded to: Moreau FPD in Eldon (\$146,892), Cassville FPD (\$140,543), Crane FPD (474,977), and New Madrid County Ambulance (\$84,265).

## **Upcoming SEMA Area Coordinator Meetings**

Area D:	9 a.m., January 11, 2006	Happy House Restaurant, Monett
Area F:	10 a.m., December 28, 2005	Cole County Courthouse Annex, Jeff City
Area I:	10 a.m., December 29, 2005	Rolla Police Department

## **Division of Fire Safety Schedules for Training and Certification Audits**

### **By Fire Marshall Randy Cole**

The Division of Fire Safety (DFS) scheduled seven audit training and certification programs in January and February. The regional certification-testing schedule are: January 14: Region A Testing, Kansas City; January 21: Region F Testing, Jefferson City; January 26: Region C Testing, Washington; January 31: Region D Testing, Joplin; February 7: Region G Testing, West Plains; February 18: Region F Testing, Jefferson City; and February 28: Region D Testing, Battlefield. For more information contact Kim Becker at 573-751-29.

## **FEMA Extends Housing Deadline To December 15**

The transitional Housing Policy Guidance is located on the SEMA Website (<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semapage.htm>). FEMA moved the transitional housing Deadline to **December 15, 2005** to help evacuees find more stable, long-term housing.

Evacuees must be registered with FEMA (**1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY)**) for the hearing or speech impaired. Clients can also call that number to get an update on individual cases. All paper work, including the U.S. Small Business Administration loan application must be filed out and returned to FEMA. Clients must keep their address updated with FEMA and the U.S. Postal Service.

The FEMA housing referral service at **1-800-762-8740** or **1-800-462-7585** (TTY) open daily 8 a.m.-9 p.m. (EST) to find housing in the area where you wish to relocate.

**APPLICATION PERIOD CLOSED**  
**The Application Period for Public Assistance Related to  
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Expires December 8, 2005.**

The State of Missouri requested and received an Emergency Declaration as the result of Hurricane Katrina. The Emergency Declaration provides for reimbursement of eligible expenses for Category B work under the Public Assistance Program. Category B is Protective Measures.

The eligible expenses in this category of work include: Preparation of sheltering facilities for displaced persons, supplies and commodities for shelters, use of applicant owned equipment, contract costs, other essential services (medical staff for emergency care, public information officers), and cleaning and restoration of the shelter facility.

Eligible applicants are governmental entities (Counties, Cities, State Agencies, School Districts, etc.). Private - Non - Profit entities that operated sheltering facilities on behalf of governmental agencies (Counties, Cities, etc.) or in response to a mutual aid agreement with a governmental agency may also be eligible applicants. Our telephone numbers are: (573) 526 - 9234, 9203, 9131, and 9114. Our Fax number is: (573) 526 - 9193.

**Local Emergency Management and Long-Term Recovery Organizations**

**By: Dante Gliniecki, Statewide Volunteer Coordinator**

Currently, Missouri has at least seven Long Term Recovery Operations (LTRO) helping hurricane evacuees rebuild their lives in Missouri. The LTROs are located in Southwest, and Southeast Missouri, Greater St. Louis, St. Charles/Warren/Lincoln Counties, Greater Kansas City, Boone County and Cole County. Other LTROs may arise as needed.

Local emergency management is integral for the LTRO success because they have access to the latest information from SEMA and FEMA. The local EMD helps the long term recovery committee can get information to elected and local government officials.

**Lobdell Heads DPS Alcohol & Tobacco Control**

Gov. Matt Blunt named Pete Lobdell, Parkville, as State Supervisor for Alcohol and Tobacco Control under Mark James, Director of Public Safety. Lobdell, a former ATF agent, has over 28 years of law enforcement experience. He received a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Indiana University and began his career in 1976 with the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). In August 2004 he retired as a supervisory special agent of an enforcement group for the Kansas City Division.

The Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control was established in 1934 to collect license fees and taxes, issue alcohol licenses to bars and restaurants, and enforce liquor control and tobacco laws.

**MRC Units Enhance Local Public Health & Medical Capabilities in Missouri**

**By Gary W. Brown, Regional MRC Coordinator,  
Department of Health and Human Services, Region VII**

[Medical Reserve Corps](#) (MRC) units have been formed in five communities across Missouri to enhance local public health and medical capabilities: the [Mid-America MRC](#) serving the Kansas City metropolitan area, [Columbia/Boone County MRC](#), [Northeast Missouri MRC](#) in Kirksville, Cole County MRC and South-Central MRC in Rolla. MRC units are community-based and function as a specialized component of [Citizen Corps](#), a national network of volunteers dedicated to the safety of their communities. MRC

units are comprised of local medical, public health and other volunteers who can contribute their skills and expertise to the community, both during emergencies and to help the community deal with pressing public health needs and improvements throughout the year. MRC units are intended to support and assist the existing public health and medical response systems. Each MRC unit is unique and is organized in response to its area's specific needs. A community's hazards, health concerns and host agency dictate the organization, composition and operation of an MRC unit.

For more information on the MRC program or to form an MRC unit, contact Gary Brown, Regional MRC Coordinator, at (816) 426-2829 or [gbrown2@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:gbrown2@osophs.dhhs.gov), or visit the national MRC website at [www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov).

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